



City of Coeur d' Alene  
City of Post Falls  
City of Hayden  
City of Rathdrum  
Coeur d' Alene Tribe  
East Side Highway District  
Idaho Transportation Department  
Kootenai County, Idaho  
Lakes Highway District  
Post Falls Highway District  
Worley Highway District

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Cooperatively Developing a Transportation System for all of Kootenai County, Idaho

**REVISED KCATT MEETING AGENDA**

April 25, 2023 - 8:00 AM

Idaho Transportation Department District One Headquarters  
600 W. Prairie Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome/Introductions
3. Approval of February 28, 2023, Meeting Minutes – **Action Item**
4. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes)
5. Member Project, Transit & Utility Updates
6. Planning Updates
7. Idaho Transportation Board Update
8. Current Business
  - a. Regional Traffic Management Center Concept of Operations Report
  - b. Review of Critical Arterial Corridor Policy - Discussion – Glenn Miles
  - c. 2023 Performance Targets - Safety – Ali Marienau
9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items
10. Other Business
  - a. KCATT Member Items
11. Next Meeting – May 23, 2023
12. Adjournment

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## KCATT MEETING MINUTES

for

April 25, 2023

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### **Call to Order:**

Chair Kevin Jump called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

### **Welcome / Introductions**

Kevin Jump, Chair.....	City of Rathdrum
Michael Lenz, Vice Chair .....	Post Falls Highway District
Rob Palus .....	City of Post Falls
Ben Weymouth .....	East Side Highway District
David Callahan.....	Kootenai County
Eric Shanley.....	Lakes Highway District
Marvin Fenn.....	Idaho Transportation Department
Carrie Ann Hewitt, Alternate.....	Idaho Transportation Department
Michael Fuller .....	Community Member, Bike/Ped

### **KMPO Staff**

Glenn Miles.....	Executive Director
Ali Marienau.....	Transportation Planner
Kelly Lund.....	Executive Secretary

### **Alternates and Guests**

Terry Werner.....	Citizen
Monty Montgomery .....	Lakes Highway District
Donna Montgomery .....	Citizen
Chad Ingle .....	Kootenai County
Kevin Smith.....	JUB
Laura Winter .....	Ruen-Yeager
Jeff Peters.....	Lochner
Mike Curry .....	Citizen
Jason Stippich.....	Avista
Brandt Souvenir .....	HMH

### **3. Approval of February 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes – Action Item**

**David Callahan moved to approve the February 28, 2023 minutes as submitted. Rob Palus seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

### **4. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes)**

There were no public comments provided.

### **5. Member Project, Transit & Utility Updates**

Michael Fuller, Bike/Ped – Community Member, noted May was Bike to Work Month. He provided an overview and explained the City of Coeur d'Alene's Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee was supporting the event and making efforts to promote it in the outlying communities; Mr. Fuller had posters available to anyone interested. He encouraged citizens to consider non-motorized transportation throughout the year, noting it helped ease pressure on the transportation system.

Carrie Ann Hewitt, Idaho Transportation Department, provided detailed updates on the following projects, noting all are, or will shortly be, under construction: I-90/SH-41 interchange, SH-53 – Hauser Lake Road to Bruss Road, SH-53/Ramsey Road signal and intersection widening, US-95 Spokane River Bridge, and US-95 Interchange 430 to Lacrosse Avenue.

Marvin Fenn provided an update on the project involving the replacement of a failing culvert on US-95 south of Coeur d’Alene, which is causing a dip in the roadway. A correction to the signal timing at the SH-53/Ramsey Road intersection has been made; the US-95 signal upgrade project is expected to begin early June. ITD meets with the Idaho State Police and local jurisdictions quarterly. During their recent meeting, ITD was asked to take the signals off flash as, at night, impaired people are not appropriately stopping; he is working with their traffic section to facilitate the request. Mr. Fenn provided further details on the US-95 Spokane River Bridge project. The I-90 Cedars to Dudley project, which started last year, is under construction once again.

Eric Shanley, Lakes Highway District, reported that they are getting ready to start the Cape Horn Road widening and guardrail project, and the paving of Ramsey Road from SH-53 to Chilco Road, Seasons Road between Wier and Clagstone Roads and Twete Road. Like ITD, the District received feedback about the SH-53/Ramsey Road signal timing. Mr. Shanley noted construction oversight at many major subdivisions and others that are in design throughout the District. A meeting on the Lancaster Road/Huetter Road roundabout is scheduled for today; they will be discussing right-of-way and utilities. He noted federal aid design projects, a guardrail safety project, and provided an update on the Union Pacific Railroad grade separation project.

David Callahan, Kootenai County, reported that on April 6<sup>th</sup>, the Planning Commission recommended 5 to 1 to approve the Coeur d’Alene Reservation area-wide rezoning from rural to agricultural; the change impacts approximately 25,000 acres. The matter will go before the county commissioners. Mr. Callahan anticipates that they will “tease out” property owners who do not wish to be a part of the rezoning process; at this point, that reflects roughly 4,000 acres. The rezoning is significant and will reduce all kinds of subdivisions in the tribal area.

Ben Weymouth, East Side Highway District, reported that the guardrail projects on Canyon and Fernan Lake Roads had been completed. Work on the Yellowstone Trail Road project is progressing. The District has paving projects planned on Sunnyside and Carlin Bay Roads, a rebuild of a mile of Bell Canyon Road, and an overlay project on Frontage Road. The District is getting ready to kick off road stabilization and chip seals.

Rob Palus, City of Post Falls, provided an update on the Spokane Street/Prairie Avenue roundabout project, noting work from Poleline Avenue to Grange Avenue is expected to wrap up mid-May. They are finishing up plans for a grind and overlay project on Spokane Street from I-90 to the Spokane River Bridge; the project is expected to be done later this year. Roundabouts at Prairie Avenue/Fennecus Lane and Prairie Avenue/Zorros Lane are under design by private developers; Post Falls Highway District and their consultant are being made aware of how the roundabout projects tie into the Prairie Avenue widening project. Last week, the city council approved the update to their Transportation Master Plan; the consultant will start traffic counts in May. Mr. Palus noted a consultant for a project involving 300 acres on the northwest corner of SH-41 and Prairie Avenue began a traffic study last fall and has provided the most recent draft for review; the city is putting feedback together for the consultant.

Vice Chair Michael Lenz, Post Falls Highway District, reported on the Beck Road CRABS (Cement Recycled Asphalt Base Stabilization) overlay project scheduled for 2024, noting the District is in the process of submitting final PS&E and waiting for property use agreements. ITD is getting ready to submit recommended improvements for the Idaho Road railroad crossing

improvement project. Vice Chair Lenz noted Mr. Miles was able to obtain Urban Balancing funds to address the \$400,000 right-of-way shortfall for the Prairie Avenue 5-lane widening project, which is scheduled for 2028 construction. ITD and PFHD are waiting to learn the outcome of the railroad crossing elimination grant for the SH-53/Pleasant View Road interchange project. He provided an update on the plans for the extension of Hanley Avenue to Poleline Avenue at Huetter Road, noting the District is working with the City of Coeur d'Alene and the developer.

Chair Kevin Jump, City of Rathdrum, reported that the installation of the watermain within SH-53 was nearly complete; traffic will continue to be interrupted as the contractor will go back and tie in all the services. He reported on the Boekel Road/Meyer Road roundabout project; the intersection is closed but will reopen early to mid-August. The city is in the process of wrapping up their pavement rehabilitation program and will begin the citywide pavement striping program. A preconstruction meeting for the pathway extension on the west side of Meyer Road between Boekel Road and Nagel Lane was held; the project is expected to be complete mid-June.

Chad Ingle, Kootenai County, provided an update on the bus stop improvement projects at Huetter Road/Seltice Way and Atlas Road near Panhandle Health; engineering is expected to be complete in June. Phase 2 of the Riverstone Transit Center is expected to be complete by the end of April. An update on the Paratransit bus procurements was provided. Updates to the Strategic Service Plan continue and will include a network redesign and a bus stop improvement plan. Mr. Ingle commented on the 5339 grant submitted to ITD for the rehabilitation of their current Paratransit fleet; grants have not yet been awarded. A 5339 grant application was submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for a bus facility and parking; grant awards are expected in September. An RFP for the design and implement of their website has been put out; it will include ped, bike, and transit information.

Jason Stippich, Avista, had no updates to report.

## **6. Planning Updates**

### **a. Travel Model Update – Ali Marienau**

Ali Marienau noted that KMPO had received the finalized base model from PTV; once updates have been reviewed, the forecast models will be finalized. Traffic counts being collected by ITD as part of their KCMA Study, will be included in the updated model. The Transportation Non-Motorized Roundtable was held last Thursday, highlights were provided. ITD Headquarters' data division received a \$250,000 grant and is purchasing cell phone and vehicle data from Michelin DDi; the data will be available this summer. As part of the 2020 Census, the urban area boundary was adjusted; the boundary will be smoothed and brought back to KCATT for review.

Mr. Miles noted two additional projects that received funding through Urban Balancing – the City of Post Falls' Chase Road railroad crossing project was funded for 2027 and the City of Coeur d'Alene received an additional \$130,000 for sidewalk improvements. Noting costs, Mr. Miles explained that the Ramsey Road extension project was envisioned in 2012 and estimated to cost \$4.7 million; it is scheduled for a 2024 construction and estimated to cost \$11 million. Since all projects in preliminary development have been moved into a program year, he will seek Board authorization to do a Call for Projects for those within the federal designated urbanized area.

Chair Jump noted the City of Rathdrum had also received funding from Urban Balancing; he thanked Mr. Miles for his help in obtaining the funds.

## **7. Idaho Transportation Board Update**

Marvin Fenn noted a workshop addressing workforce planning was held prior to the April 20th ITD Board meeting; they discussed filling workforce voids statewide. ITD's safety share focused on work zone deaths. Their next Board meeting will be held in Pocatello on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. There was an increase in the Local Safety Program. Mr. Fenn noted they had attempted to acquire unallocated funds for Farragut State Park improvements which included a roundabout; he anticipated they would attempt again in July.

## **8. Current Business**

### **a. Regional Traffic Management Center Concept of Operations Report**

Mr. Miles noted that he had recently participated in ITD's Transportation Systems Management Operations Assessment Study in Boise; the discussion was facilitated by the Federal Highway Administration. Topics included the Regional Traffic Management Center (TMC) and how to better manage traffic through our area. Iteris gave a presentation to the KMPO Board during their recent workshop and discussed the TMC. Mr. Miles noted the link to the TMC Concept of Operations Report had been provided and commented that it was important to have KCATT's input. The committee was asked to review the document and provide feedback within the next week and a half. Mr. Miles asked the committee to contact him if they had any questions.

### **b. Review of Critical Arterial Corridor Policy - Discussion – Glenn Miles**

Mr. Miles noted that there had been a significant amount of discussion surrounding the Critical Arterial Corridor Policy and, most recently, about the planned roundabouts with quarter-mile spacing on Prairie Avenue between SH-41 and Meyer Road for the purpose of accessing development to the north. Mr. Miles highlighted some of the identified corridors and explained the purpose of the Policy was to designate and protect critical arterial corridors within the urban boundary while providing guidance on establishing access controls. The Policy was originally developed to look at engineering rather than travel time reliability as recognized by the Federal Highway Administration. Mr. Miles reviewed the INRIX corridor data, including free-flow travel times and levels of service and asked the committee to provide input on adapting the Policy to reflect travel time standards for the designated corridors. The committee discussed intersection and corridor deficiencies and current levels of service. Mr. Miles explained, from a freight and goods standpoint, travel time reliability is key.

Chair Jump and Mr. Miles discussed the impact amending the Critical Arterial Corridor Policy to adopt a travel time standard would have on the local jurisdiction's Transportation Master Plans. Mr. Miles explained that setting these standards does allow them to look at the region more holistically – across jurisdictional boundaries and provides the critical arterials some level of protection from development. Although this is guidance, it should influence applications for bigger projects, which will not only impact the corridor but the entire area.

The committee discussion included the approach to correcting deficiencies, from an operational standpoint, versus ultimate capacity, the use of federal funds and building to the 20-year design life – not to obsolescence, the need for traffic studies showing the cumulative impact of a project along a corridor, concerns over subsidizing growth and annexations by the cities.

Mr. Miles explained that, when using federal funds, local jurisdictions contribute 7.34 percent while the federal government contributes 96.7 percent – regardless of where the traffic is coming from. The INRIX data shows several corridors that are not in free-flow condition. To protect these critical arterials, Mr. Miles recommended the Policy be redrafted to reflect travel time standards as supported by FHWA.

Based on the discussion, Chair Jump confirmed that the committee was asking Mr. Miles to put together the draft Policy based on travel time standards. It will be brought back to KCATT in the next few months. Greensferry and Pleasant View Roads will be included as corridors.

c. **2023 Performance Targets - Safety – Ali Marienau**

Ms. Marienau said in order to meet the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirement, the KMPO Board elected, in 2018, to adopt ITD's performance targets. An overview of the updated safety performance measures and targets, as set by ITD and Kootenai County's fatality and serious injury crash data from 2017-2021 were discussed. Although the county's fatal and serious crash rates remain below ITD's safety targets, the 2021 data shows an increase in the five-year average number of fatalities and serious injuries and rates of those crash types per 100 million vehicle miles travelled (VMT). Common factors contributing to fatal crashes, most harmful events, and number of crashes by corridor were also discussed.

**9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items**

Mr. Miles noted there were no upcoming KMPO Board

**10. Other Business**

a. KCATT Member Items

There were no KCATT member items reported under Other Business.

**11. Next Meeting – May 23, 2023**

**12. Adjournment**

**Without objection, Chair Kevin Jump adjourned the April 25, 2023 meeting.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Signature on File  
Recording Secretary